

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q93671

Carlo MIGLI

Appln. No.: 10/575,258

Group Art Unit: 3677

Confirmation No.: 8810

Examiner: Jeffrey O'BRIEN

Filed: April 10, 2006

For: HINGE ASSEMBLY FOR THE ARTICULATED CONNECTION OF A VERTICALLY  
OPENING PANEL TO A FURNITURE ELEMENT

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated September 26, 2008. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I, Figures 1-6 for examination on which claims 2-5, 7-16, 18, 19, 23-34, and 36-40 are readable.

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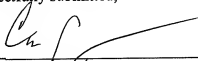
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Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1, 6, 17, 20, 21, 22, and 35.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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